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UNION OPPOSES STEVENS—Spectators turned to look as John W. Edelman, Washington representative of the Textile Workers, arose at a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing to ask that his union be permitted to testify against Senate approval of Robert Stevens as Secretary of the Army.

Stevens (lower right) stares straight ahead as Edelman talks. The committee refused the union a hearing because it could not produce a prepared witness in less than three hours. Stevens, a textile manufacturer, was opposed by the union because of his anti-union record. (LPA)

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS: BACK THIS CONDON BILL!

Here is a quick, must action for all construction unions, local, regional, and statewide:

Rep. Robert Condon of Richmond-Vallejo last week introduced a bill in Congress which will permit construction workers to deduct the costs of travelling to their jobs from income taxes. These workers can't move their homes from job to job, and they are faced with added expense that other, permanent workers do not have. They should be allowed to deduct these costs from their income taxes.

The bill has gone to the Ways and Means committee for study. Action by unions here can help move it along and get it passed. Therefore all AFL construction locals are urged to endorse the Condon bill permitting tax deductions for construction workers' travel costs, and to get regional and statewide union councils to take similar action.

Then send notice of your action to:

1. Paul Ward, 6th Congressional Dist. Office, 413 - 10th Street, Richmond.
2. Your international union, with a request that it press for passage of this measure when it reaches Congress.

Monterey Carp. Auxiliary Unit Picks Officers

The new Ladies Auxiliary to Monterey Carpenters Union 1323 met last week to elect temporary officers and to send for an official charter for the group, spokesmen reported.

Elected acting chairman of the group was Mrs. Lexie Grant Sheffield with Mrs. Marjorie L. Baker as acting secretary.

Fourteen wives of union carpenters signed the petition for a charter, it was reported. All wives, mothers and sisters of union carpenters in Monterey are invited to join the new group.

The auxiliary was to meet again on Monday night of this week as guests of Local 1323. Plans for a brief social gathering, with the men serving refreshments, were outlined for the meeting.

Baldwin Busy In South Area

Harvey Baldwin, business agent of Salinas Carpenters Union 925, was in the southern part of the county on Friday on union matters, having been called to Gonzales and Soledad to check various jobs under way, co-workers said.

Monterey CLC Cancels Plans For Labor Day

Because of lack of interest by affiliated unions, the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council voted at the last meeting to cancel plans for a Labor Day parade this year.

Council Secy. Royal E. Hallmark said the action to drop the parade plans came as result of reports that unions were opposed to the proposed demonstration. No reasons were given for the opposition.

Laborer Council To Meet Saturday

The Northern California District Council of Laborers will have its regular meeting this Saturday, with two important reports on the agenda, according to George Jenkins, business agent of Laborers Union 690 of Monterey.

Report of the welfare plan committee, which worked long and diligently to solve details of the union's new welfare plan now in effect, is anticipated. In addition, a special negotiations committee which was called to San Francisco to sit with the AGC early this week is expected to report.

Tune in on Frank Edwards—at home or at union meeting.

Salinas Council Backs Charities, Studies New Laws

The Monterey County Central Labor Council of Salinas devoted most of its last two meetings to study of legislative matters pending in Sacramento and to support of local charities, according to Secretary A. J. Clark. The council meets again this Friday night at the Labor Temple.

Donations of \$10 each were made to the Guide Dogs for the Blind campaign and to the Red Cross. Council delegates were among those who donated labor for the Red Cross' one-day fund drive.

To aid the council in legal and other matters, subscription was renewed to the Labor Law Journal, which has proved a valuable aid to Secretary Clark.

On the legislative front, Senate Bill 1922 came in for most discussion, this bill designed to curtail adult education opportunities. Council President R. A. Wood was approved as member of a public committee to study the bill, which already has been opposed by unions.

Letters were authorized to State Senator Fred Weybret and Assemblyman James Stillman, setting forth council opposition to certain bills unfavorable to unions.

George Jaeger was accepted as new delegate from Projectionists Union 611.

Union reports included: Butchers 506—Celebrating 40th anniversary at next meeting, barbecue planned this summer.

Carpenters 925—Opposing SB 1922, endorsing plan for a national apprenticeship convention in San Diego late this year.

Projectionists 611—One apprentice promoted to journeyman rank, new health and welfare plan being worked out.

Eide in S. F.

Thomas Eide, business agent of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323, was called to San Francisco on Monday of this week, he announced. Details of the anticipated business trip were not disclosed.

Industry Wrecks Durkin Committee

(AFL Release)

The administration's advisory committee on the Taft-Hartley Act broke up in its 3rd meeting due to refusal of the five industry members to permit proposed changes in the act to be brought to a vote.

George Meany, AFL president and member of the committee, said after the industry-member walk-out, that he was forced to "the inescapable conclusion" that "these representatives of industry are perfectly content to sit tight with the Taft-Hartley Act as now written—with all its unfairness and its union-busting provisions—and will take part in no move to make the law more acceptable to labor."

The committee, composed of 15 members, with equal representation for industry, labor and the public, began with consideration of a proposal to carry out the promise of President Eisenhower to remove "union-busting" provisions from the law.

When the issue came to a vote, the industry members refused to take part. They issued a statement saying that, 1, their function was supposed to be purely consultative; 2, committee activity of the kind proposed would be usurping the function of Congress, and 3, the industry members did not represent all of American industry.

Following the industry-member stand, the committee recessed, and it appears likely to continue in recess unless Secretary of Labor Martin Durkin is able to find five other members willing to represent industry, and to carry on the purpose for which the committee was set up: trying to get labor and (Continued on Page Eight)

SALINAS RODEO CHANGES DATES BACK TO JULY

"Big Week" will be held in Salinas this year July 16th through the 19th, marking the return of the California Rodeo, Horse Fair and Stock Show to its traditional July dates, it was announced by F. E. Dayton, rodeo president. In recent years the California Rodeo has been held in June.

Also scheduled to be revived this year if sponsorship plans can be successfully worked out is the famous Colmo del Rodeo, or Saturday night parade, which until its discontinuance several years ago contributed much of the color and glamor for which the West's oldest and greatest rodeo is famous.

For weeks the board of directors of the rodeo, comprised of the town's civic, business and agricultural leaders who serve without compensation, have been working to make the 1953 rodeo the greatest in the 43-year history of the event.

Approval of the rodeo has already been obtained from the secretary of the Rodeo Cowboys Association, paving the way for participation by the West's outstanding cowboys in competition for purses and entry fees estimated to reach a total of \$60,000.

The wild broncos and savage Braham bulls which they must master in the huge arena at the rodeo grounds are being hand-picked by Ki Silacci, arena director, to assure a maximum of excitement and entertainment.

New classes are being added to the horse show events and Dr. E. J. Leach, track committee chairman, is lining up the country's outstanding trick riders and ropers to provide additional thrills.

MARIE O'DELL DIES SUDDENLY

BULLETIN:

As we go to press, word comes that Mrs. Marie O'Dell, office secretary for several unions in the Santa Cruz Odd Fellows Hall, died suddenly over the week-end as the result of a heart attack. Mrs. O'Dell was office secretary for Culinary - Bartenders 345, Painters 1026, Teamsters 912, the Central Labor Council, and several other unions. No further details on her passing were available.

MOORHEAD ILL

BULLETIN:

Earl A. Moorhead, executive secretary of Butchers Union 506 and also secretary of the Central Labor Council at San Jose, suffered a heart attack last Friday evening and has been confined to a San Jose hospital in serious condition since that time. He is unable to have visitors.

Carp. Council By-Laws Have Major Revision

Special committee comprised of business agents of affiliated unions has been assigned by the Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters to the task of making study and recommendations for major changes in the council by-laws.

Council President Thomas Eide of Monterey said the committee has met several times already and will convene again on Thursday to try to complete their work to present their proposals to a special council meeting Tuesday night, March 24, at Salinas.

The by-laws of the council in their new form will be the model for all affiliated unions, Eide said. Referendum vote by unions will be necessary for final approval of the by-laws.

At the district council's meeting in Santa Cruz last week, guest of honor was Joseph Cambiano, international representative and president of the State Council of Carpenters. Other guests included a delegation from San Luis Obispo Carpenters Union.

Sam Combs, business agent of Santa Cruz Local 829, was named by the district council as its member of the state negotiating committee.

Discussions at the last meeting included reports on the new carpenters' health and welfare plan, contract matters and similar problems. Next regular council meeting is Tuesday, April 14.

The committee working on by-laws includes Eide, Combs, Harvey Baldwin, of Salinas Local 925; Joe Knight, of Watsonville Local 771, and Jack Swart, of King City Local 1279.

Empie on Leave; Road Job Starts

Wray D. ("Bill") Empie, business agent of Salinas Laborers Union 272, was on leave this week, due back at his desk by Wednesday or Thursday, according to Office Manager Lillian Johnson.

Prior to taking the leave, Empie reported that Granite Construction Co. has started work on a road surfacing job near San Lucas, in the southern part of the county. Other work for laborers was reported progressing well.

L. U. 483 Office Staff Changes

A change in office staff of Culinary & Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey and vicinity was reported last week by Royal E. Hallmark, union business manager and secretary.

Hallmark said that Mrs. LaVerne Walters, who had worked mornings in the union office, has resigned to enter business with her husband in Campbell (near San Jose). The afternoon office secretary, Sonya du Gardyn, will henceforth work the full day, he announced.

Puppet Show Set for Party

Laborers Union 690 of Monterey announced last week that Hestwood's Puppet Show, a major vaudeville act which has played to audiences throughout the world, has been lined up as a feature of the coming Easter party of the union, Saturday afternoon, April 4, at the Labor Temple in Monterey.

Union officials said the puppet show will be a feature in addition to an hour of movie cartoons and other entertainment, presented for children of union members. Refreshments will be served and Easter baskets distributed.

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BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres., Jim Foster, 365 Main St., phone 6746; Rec. Sec., D. L. Hill, 20 W. Gabilan, phone 9085; Fin. Sec., Jimmie Butler, 418 Monterey Ave., phone 3504.

BRICK MASONS—Meets 2nd Tues. Monterey, 4th Tues., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Steve Frank, 103 N. First, Salinas; Rec. Sec., A. L. Robertson, 520 Cypress, Pacific Grove, phone 58947; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., R. E. Baxter, 64 Villa, Salinas, phone 25708.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st Thursday, 8 p.m., 320 Hoffman St., Monterey; 3rd Thursday, 8 p.m., Caminos Hotel, Salinas. Pres., John Alsop, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, ph. 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, ph. Mont. 2-3002; Office, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, ph. 5-6744.

BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Exec. Sec., Earl A. Moorhead; Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtwright, 1897 Ellen Ave., San Jose, phone CYpress 5-3849; Main office, 45 Santa Teresa Ave., San Jose, phone CYpress 3-0252.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Sec. Treas., Legislative Representative, 810 David Hewes Bldg., 995 Market St., San Francisco 3, phone SUtter 1-2838. District Vice-President, Thomas A. Small, office 306 Seventh Ave., San Mateo, phone Diamond 4-7693.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Carpenters Hall, Pres., Carl Helms; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harvey Baldwin; Rec. Sec., A. O. Miller, Hall and office, 422 N. Main St., phone 9293.

CARPENTERS 1279 (King City)—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at King City Carpenters Hall, Pres., M. D. Williamson, Greenfield, phone 73-W; Fin. Sec., A. W. Reiger, 411 S. San Lorenzo Ave., phone 694-W; Bus. Agt., Jack Swart, Box 724, King City, Office, 225 Bassett St., King City, phone 197.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd Tuesday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Kay Nelson, 32 Paloma St., phone 5187; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Roy E. Brayton, 323 1/2 Central, phone 5416; Fin. Sec., Mrs. Wm. P. Piller, 23 Prunelle Rd., phone 9902; Office, 323 1/2 Central, phone 5416.

CARPENTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL—Meets 2nd Tuesday, alternating between Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey, King City, 9 p.m. Pres., Tom Eide, 778 Hawthorne, Monterey, phone 56722; V. Pres., Joe Knight, phone Wats. 49403; Sec. Treas., Leo Thilgen, 778 Hawthorne, Monterey, phone 56726.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County)—Salinas—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays, 8 p.m., at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. A. Wood; Sec. Treas., Alfred J. Clark, office in Glikburg Bldg., 6 West Gabilan St., phone 7787.

DRY CLEANERS 258-B—Meets 2nd Thursday, Pres., Merlin Nelson, 517 Roosevelt St.; Fin. Sec., Claudia Staton; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA 1-3336.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesday; Executive Board 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro Street, Salinas. Pres., Frank Karp, 217 Quilla St., phone 2-1151; Rec. Sec., P. M. Lindeman, 246 Dennis St., phone 2-4225; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Dial H. Miles, office, 117 Pajaro Street, phone 2-2886.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, Room 457, Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393; Main office, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, phone UNDERhill 1-135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS & FISHERMEN'S UNION OF THE PACIFIC, SAN FRANCISCO AND MOSS LANDING BAY AREAS—Sec. Treas., Geo. Issel, office 257 5th St., Richmond, phone BEacon 5-0852; Asst. Sec., Chas. Snyder, Office phone BEacon 5-0852; Moss Landing phone, Castroville 6613.

HOTEL-RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES AND BARTENDERS 355—Meets 2nd Monday, Women's City Club, 9 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. H. Eakin, 46 Barbara Place, phone 2-4465; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., A. J. Clark; Asst., Bus. Agt., Virgil C. Knight, office, Room 18, Glikburg Bldg., 6 W. Gabilan St., phone 6209.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at Salinas Labor Temple, 4th Monday at Soledad Foresters Hall, Pres., Carl G. Jones, Sec., J. F. Matto, 102 Toro, phone 6777; Bus. Agt., Wray D. Empie, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro, phone 6777.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Krane, Rt. 6, Bx. 513, Watsonville, ph. 4-6262; Sec. & B. A., Ronald Hodges, 612 Wilson, Salinas, ph. 2-2906.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 258—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Hazel Skewes, 1314 Second and Ave.; Sec. Treas., Grace MacRossie, 59 1st Ave.; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA 1-3336; Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824—Meets 1st Tuesday; Executive Board, 2nd Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Alex Day, 611 Tower St., phone 2-3775; Fin. Sec., Ed McLean, 262 Noice Dr.; Rec. Sec., C. C. Stover, 537 Green St.; Bus. Agt., Earl Choate, office, 117 Pajaro, phone 2-0835.

OFFICE EMPLOYEES 94 (Union Offices)—Meets on call, Headquarters 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Jeannette Zoccoli.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., Otis Sleeper, 235 E. San Luis, phone 2-2907; Rec. Sec., L. Wendelkin, 1130 1/2 Acosta, phone 2-6240; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., 417 Lincoln Office, Labor Temple, phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets 2nd Weds., 4th Thurs., Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray T. Jones, 146 Pine, phone 5330; Rec. and B. A., Carl Smith, home phone 2-2565; office, Labor Temple, phone 6777.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., R. K. Mills; Rec. Sec., A. Bianchini; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., E. R. Arubuckle, Office, Labor Temple, phone 2-3517.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets 3rd Wednesday, Woman's Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., John Ball, 636 Central, phone 2-2961.

PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Assts. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., Salinas even months, Monterey odd months. Pres., Edward C. Bay, 205 Dodaro, phone 2-4428; Sec. Treas., Robert P. Meaders, 217 Maryl Dr., Salinas, phone 2-1102.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Lawrence Vestal, 406 Calif. St., phone 6624; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Garold F. Miller, 206 Alisal St., phone 2-3368; office phone 4938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Melvin Jones, 241 Margaret St., Salinas; Sec. and B. A., Fred O. Davis, 240 Plateau Ave., S. Cruz, phone 4330-R.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday, Franco Hotel, Castroville. Pres., John Alsop, Pacific Grove, phone Monterey 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opier, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, Office phone, Monterey 5-6744.

STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 9:30 a.m. Pres., Paul Funchess, P. O. Box 1744, Carmel, phone 7-3351; Rec. Sec., Joseph A. Cain, 131 Arthur, Watsonville, phone 4-5842; Fin. Sec., H. E. Packard, P. O. Box 584, Watsonville, phone 4-5610; Bus. Agt., Ray A. Beck, 513 McKenzie, Watsonville, phone 4-6127.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—Meets 2nd and 4th Monday, Spreckels Fire Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Joseph Linden, 30 3rd St., phone 2-3078; Sec. Treas., Robert MacRossie, 59 1st St., phone 3064.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets 3rd Monday Salinas, 7:30 p.m. Pres., John H. Lewis, 522 Crescent Way, phone 2-5262; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Thelma Fox, Apt. 33, Pajaro Circle, phone 2-3682.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND HELPERS 690—Meets 1st Thursday, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Kenneth Sinker, 105 19th St., P. G.; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Wm. G. Kenyon, Bus. Agt., Glen Wilkerson, Office, 274 E. Alisal, Salinas, phone 5743.

TYPOGRAPHICAL 543—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., alternating at Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., L. A. Spencer, Salinas; Sec. Treas., A. C. Davis, 109 Prospect St., Watsonville, phone 4-3217.

Geo. Johnson, Barman, Dies

Oldest bartender in Northern California and one of the oldest in the nation, George Johnson, 72, member of Salinas Culinary-Bartenders Union 355, passed away last week following a stroke.

Union Secy. Alfred J. Clark said Brother Johnson had been a bartender "nearly all his life" and was semi-retired, serving only on special occasions in recent years. His wife had passed away 40 years ago and there are no known survivors.

Joplin, Mo. Workers Get Charter for Local 200, UAW-AFL

Joplin, Mo. (LPA)—The AFL United Automobile Workers has issued a charter for Local 200 to employees of Vickers Corp. here. UAW-AFL won the plant in a recent National Labor Relations Board election.

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BARBERS 896—Meets 3rd Wednesday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Paul Marcuro, Carmel; Rec. Sec., L. J. Boyens; Fin. Sec., James O. Jolley, 113 McNear, phone 2-1127.

BARTENDERS 463—Meets at 315 Alvarado St. 1st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., 3rd Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. Pres., Robt. S. Harrington, Box 539, Pacific Grove, phone 2-4745; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Royal E. Hallmark, Office at 315, Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5-6734.

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ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday, 691 Lighthouse, 7:30 p.m. Pres., W. A. Graham, 138 19th, P. G., phone 4-5566; P. N. Sec., M. N. Irwin, ph. 2-0493; Sec. Bus., V. Perez, phone 2-0517; B. A., LeRoy Haxley, Forest and Morse Sts., P. G., phone 5-4632.

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FISH CANNERY WORKERS—Meets on call at headquarters. Pres., Joe Perry Jr., Phoenix Ave., Seaside, phone 2-5470; Sec., Roy Humbracht, 122 18th, Pacific Grove, phone 2-5164; Bus. Agt., Lester A. Caveny, 922 Cypress, Seaside, phone 2-4023. Headquarters, 320 Hoffman, phone 2-4571.

FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall, Pres., Michael Youlden; Sec. Treas., Thomas P. Flores, 628 Lilly St.; Bus. Agt., John Chivello, 927 Franklin St. Office and hall, 233 Alvarado St., phone 5-3126.

LABORERS 690—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 320 Hoffman, 8 p.m. Pres., Perry M. Lucas, 1251 David; Sec. and Bus. Agt., George E. Jenkins, Box 142, Monterey, office, 320 Hoffman, phone 2-3456.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Krane, Rt. 6, Bx. 512, Watsonville, ph. 4-6262; Sec. and B. A., Ronald Hodges, Wilson, Salinas, ph. 22906.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192—Meets 3rd Friday, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Bartenders Hall; Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley Pacific Grove, phone 5-6569; Sec., Doris Lake.

MUSICIANS 616—Meets 1st Sunday, 2 p.m., 135 W. Franklin. Pres., Louis B. Walker, 589 Ocean View, Pacific Grove, phone 2-1577; Sec., Don B. Forster, office, 135 W. Franklin, phone 5-6166; Bus. Agt., Fred Storer, 345 Alexander, Salinas, phone 2-0579.

PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 320 Hoffman St., Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Jack Shannon; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Fred E. Ask, 230 Montecito, phone 5-5864; office, 320 Hoffman St., phone 5-6744.

PLASTERERS & CEMENT MASONS 337—Meets 1st Friday, 8 p.m., 320 Hoffman St. Pres., Otto Radley; Sec. and Bus. Agt., T. B. Ellis, 739 Noche Buena, Seaside, phone 2-1703; office, 320 Hoffman, phone 5-6744.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 62—Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays, Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne, 8 p.m. Pres., Gerald L. Walton, 334 Mapple Ave., phone 2-6719; Rec. Sec., Paul P. Hazdovac, P. O. Box 11, Carmel; Sec. Bus. Agt., John Grisin, office, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey, phone 2-7580.

POST OFFICE CLERKS 1292—Meets last Thursday of month, Rm. 6, P.O. Bldg., 8:30 p.m. Pres., David "Bud" Dougherty, 404 Lighthouse, P. G.; phone 2-5213; Sec. and B. A., Dick Miller, 202 Via Del Rey, phone 5-6292; mail to Local 1292, Post Office, Monterey.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Melvin Jones, 241 Margaret St., Salinas; Sec. and B. A., Fred O. Davis, 240 Plateau Ave., S. Cruz, phone 4330-R.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday at Franco Hotel, Castroville. Pres., John Alsop, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opier, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, Office phone Monterey 5-6744.

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TEACHERS 1020—Meets 3rd Monday, Salinas, 7:30 p.m. Pres., John H. Lewis, 522 Crescent Way, Salinas, phone 2-5262; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Thelma Fox, Apt. 33, Pajaro Circle, Salinas, phone 2-3682.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN & HELPERS 690—Meets 2nd Thursday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Kenneth Sinker, 105 19th St., P. G.; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Wm. G. Kenyon, Bus. Agt., Glen L. Wilkerson, Main office, 274 E. Alisal, Salinas, phone 5743; Mont. office, 778 Hawthorne St., phone 2-0124.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION 543—Meets 3rd Friday, Bartenders Hall, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Cecil D. Starnes, 1071 Cass St., ph. 2-6156; Sec., A. B. Rotter, 412 De la Vina, ph. 5-5406.

Mrs. Greco Under Knife

Mrs. Peter Greco, wife of the business manager of Salinas Painters Union 1104, was able to return home from a hospital last Friday after undergoing major surgery. Friends said she was resting well. Nature of the operation was not reported.

Clark, Wood Visit Prison

Salinas Labor Council Secy.-Treasurer A. J. Clark and Pres. R. A. Wood traveled to Soledad last week for an informal inspection tour of the state's medium security prison there.

Clark said he and Wood were "very deeply impressed" by the state facility and by its operation.

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TO ALL MEMBERS: We wish to again remind you that McMahan Furniture is still NON-UNION and this place of business is being checked very closely, so any member who is patronizing this place do not be surprised if you receive a registered letter to appear before the executive board. We cannot possibly continue to maintain our wages, hours and conditions unless we receive the full cooperation of all our members against this non-union company.

We have received a communication from Teamsters Local 809 of Portland, Ore., reporting a strike against firms distributing packaged nuts bearing brand names Omega, Cascade, and Blue Pirate. Notify your grocer, if he sells these brands, that these are on the Teamsters' "We Do Not Patronize" list.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

The following meetings are scheduled:

- Wholesale Ice—Monday, March 16, at 8 p.m.
- Box and Shook—Monday, March 16, at 7 p.m.
- Poultry Producers — Tuesday, March 17, at 5:30 p.m.
- Line Drivers — Sunday, March 22, at 10 a.m.

Secretary Kenyon will attend a preliminary meeting covering construction drivers in San Francisco on Wednesday, March 18, at 10 a.m. A meeting will be called for men in that group during the week of March 23.

We hope to have a further report on milk, produce, ice, and frozen food negotiations in our next bulletin.

We are happy to report the matter of misassignment of work and other violations of the agreement at E. J. Donahue Co. has been ironed out and the men in the respective crafts are back on the job.

COMMITTEE FOR THE SICK

Brother Manuel Martin, chairman of the committee for the sick, visited the members on the sick list this week and reports that everyone is much improved and some have reported back to work. Lillian Chapman and Lillie Homer,

Spiegel Farm employees, both have licked the flu bug and are returning to work the end of the week. Lessie Ware, another Spiegel employee, resumed her duties at the plant after being home a week with an injured arm.

Marie Ozenne, who works at D'Arrigo Bros. in Castroville, was discharged from the hospital last week and will be recuperating at home for about three weeks. All Marie's co-workers are urged to visit her during her convalescence.

Jesus Partida, a patient at the Monterey County Hospital, is reported showing progress. Visiting days at this hospital are Tuesday and Thursday. Jesus would like very much to have his friends visit him.

William Frisch, a Golden State Co. employee, has been at home for three months with a heart condition and we all hope Bill will be back on the job in the near future.

Mary McMurtrey has requested a leave of absence until April 15 from the Spiegel Farm plant. Mary underwent a major operation recently but reports she feels much better now.

It is our sincere wish that all mentioned will be enjoying perfect health in the very near future.

PATRONIZE UNION SHOPS

Again we wish to remind you to patronize only those firms where the union shop card is displayed. The following service stations and tire shops are 100 per cent union and merit your patronage: Salinas Truck Terminal, Sanborn Road & 101 Highway South; Chitwood's Texaco, 739 E. Alisal St.; Regal Petroleum, 44 John St.; Townsend's Service Station, 101 Highway South; Dugan's Service Station, 801 E. Market St.; Wren's Norwalk Station, 555 W. Market; Bob's Texaco, 267 John St.; Sears Valley Center; Rhodes Tire Shop, John & Front Sts.; Hultz Tire Co., 303 Pajaro St.; Deane Tire Service, E. Gabilan & Monterey Sts.; Lamar Bros., E. Market & Monterey Sts.; Les Thompson, 214 E. Alisal St.; and Firestone Stores, Monterey & E. San Luis Sts., all in Salinas. In Monterey, Nuovo's Service Station, 298 Del Monte Ave., also is union.

Union Wins \$1,200 For Member, Gets Her Job Back

Ft. Worth, Texas (LPA)—Mrs. Jack Harrel is \$1,200 ahead, and has her job back, because she belongs to a union.

Employed on the first shift at Convoir, Mrs. Harrel became ill in November 1951, underwent an operation, and was dismissed Jan. 26, 1952, for "excessive absenteeism." She belongs to Lodge 776-A, Machinists. The union took the case to arbitration, won her job back, with all rights restored—and the \$1,200. Her husband belongs to the same lodge, also works at Convoir.

Durkin Committee Falls as Industry Men Balk at Vote

Washington, (LPA)—Labor Secretary Martin P. Durkin's advisory committee on the Taft-Hartley act collapsed March 6 when the industry members refused even to vote on whether to vote on changes in the law.

Labor and public members were reported as favoring making specific recommendations to Durkin to be forwarded to Congress on agreed-on changes, with the position of individual members of the committee recorded. To this, an industry member said "We are not willing to submerge our individual views in majority votes of a committee whose members represent diverse interests." That's Industrialists for "If we can't have our own way we'll take our dolls home, so there."

It was industry's second strike against government service, labor and the public in three months. During its last months of existence, the Wage Stabilization Board was crippled by a walkout of its industry members in December after President Truman approved the \$1.90-a-day pay raise for United Mine Workers.

No one resigned from the T-H advisory committee immediately, according to President Harry M. Moses of the Bituminous Coal Operators' Association, the only industry member who would talk. He said the committee was just "in recess."

AFL President George Meany, a labor member, said "We'll be back when we get some new industry members, I guess."

The bustup was predicted two days earlier in the House Labor committee hearings by Rep. Chas. R. Howell (D., N.J.), who placed the blame at that time squarely on industry. Commenting on the testimony of NAM witness George W. Armstrong, Jr., Howell noted the "extreme divergence" between the recommendations of the NAM and of the AFL made the day before, saying it "does not give much hope that this proceeding that Secretary Durkin has started . . . will get anywhere. It impressed me that there was pretty general agreement that the main amendments, if any, to the Taft-Hartley act in this Congress would deal mostly with eliminating some of the provisions that may be hard on labor unions and in some instances had worked to limit their usefulness and effectiveness."

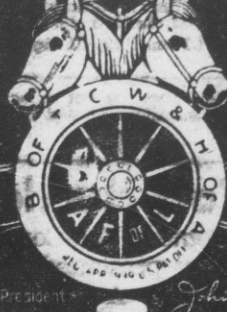
"I just wonder if these recommendations (of the NAM) are made more or less to establish a bargaining position, so that maybe you can hold the line as it is . . . I had hoped that there might be some instances where you might find some provisions that labor had been complaining about that you could find some solution to."

Just before the advisory committee's breakup, an industry member said "We aren't here to negotiate a labor law. Labor has everything to gain and nothing to lose through record votes, since it is labor that wants the law changed. Industry would be happy to have the law left alone."

\$25 Award to Spur Safety and Attendance At Union Meetings

Boston, Mass. (LPA)—A "bond a month" award program has been started by AFL Railway Clerks Lodge 992 to stimulate attendance at union meetings and make members more safety conscious.

A \$25 U.S. Savings Bond will be awarded to a member who is present at the lodge's monthly meeting and who has not had an on-the-job accident during the previous month. Philip P. Lessard, who suggested the idea, is chairman of the award program.

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Taft-Hartley

In mock surprise, some of the Congressmen before whom President George Meany presented the AFL proposals for modifying the Taft-Hartley Act protested that the recommendations would amount to virtual repeal of the law.

What did they expect? Meany had just got through telling the lawmakers that "this law is unjustifiably oppressive and that it has placed intolerable restrictions upon the exercise of basic rights and freedoms by trade unions and their members."

Why should labor treat Taft-Hartley with kid gloves? As Meany said, "this law that purports to promote labor-management peace, has served in many instances to instigate and prolong strife."

Even in normal times, the AFL President said, this would be deplorable. In the present world crisis, "it is dangerous to the national safety."

Certainly the top spokesman for more than 8 million American workers used moderation and served the public interest when he asked the House Labor Committee to "give us a law under which employers and unions can live together and work together in peace and justice."

It was evident at the hearing that there is real interest in Congress in getting a better labor-management relations law. The committee kept Meany on the witness stand six hours, and 22 Congressmen participated in the questioning. While many of the questions were either hostile or unintelligent, the revival of interest in this highly controversial subject is, in itself, a healthy sign. It indicates that if President Eisenhower exerts real leadership over his party, an improved law can be enacted at this session of Congress. Here's hoping, but keep your fingers crossed.

For a Stronger Labor Dept.

The AFL congratulates the Department of Labor on completion of 40 years service to the workers and the general public. At the same time, the AFL hopes that Congress will restore to the department powers and funds without which it cannot properly carry out its functions as a servant of the people.

President Eisenhower, on the Labor Department birthday occasion, renewed his pledge to "strengthen and improve" the department's services.

Fulfillment of the pledge is up to Congress.

The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, which offers mediation services in labor-management dispute, should be returned to the department, from which it was extracted by the Taft-Hartley Act.

The department should be given full authority to enforce the Davis-Bacon Act, which requires prevailing wages to be paid on government construction projects. Violations now are referred to the federal agency concerned, such as the Atomic Energy Commission or the Defense Department. On numerous occasions, the agency has failed to enforce the law.

Enough money should be appropriated for the Wage-Hour Division to permit it to make all the inspections necessary to carry out the law.

Likewise, adequate funds should be allotted to the solicitor's office, the Bureau of Employment Security and the Bureau of Labor Standards. Reduced appropriations for these vital services will go far toward impairing the welfare of not only the workers but of all Americans. They will add to, not lighten, the tax burden of the people.

Wages and Farm Prices

The close link between the wage earner and the farmer was pointed up in a nation-wide survey of agricultural conditions conducted by the Associated Press. After interviewing hundreds of farmers throughout the U.S., the AP said this:

"The American farmer hasn't gone broke and he doesn't expect to as long as there is high employment at good wages for the people who buy his products."

It is also true that if farmers do not receive fair prices for their products, they cannot buy the manufactured items and services of city workers. The result is lower wages and, in many cases, unemployment.

The latest report of the Department of Agriculture on farm prices should concern wage earners as well as the man on the farm.

It is imperative that Congressmen from cities and rural districts work together to write labor and agricultural legislation fair to both workingmen and farmers.



By WM. G. KENYON, Secy.
Monterey County Teamsters,
Local 890

HOW DO I GET MY SOCIAL SECURITY

When the time comes to get monthly old-age or survivors insurance benefit payments, what does a person have to do? There are a lot of workers and their families who are now insured under social security—over 66 million, in fact. When and if the time comes for a worker to retire—what must he know and what must he do? If an insured worker dies, what steps should his family take to protect their rights?

Naturally you'd like to know the answers to these questions. You know that over five million people are now receiving benefits. And it's good business to find out how you can get your benefits when you retire, or if the breadwinner in your family should die. Your social security office will help you. In fact, it has a number of booklets which you can obtain by merely asking for them. Here's a listing:

An Easy Way to Estimate Social Security Payments

Your Social Security

Do You Have a Maid?

Dou You Work in a Private Household?

Social Security for the Regular Farm Employee

After 15 Years

Fact Sheet No. 1 on the 1952 Amendments

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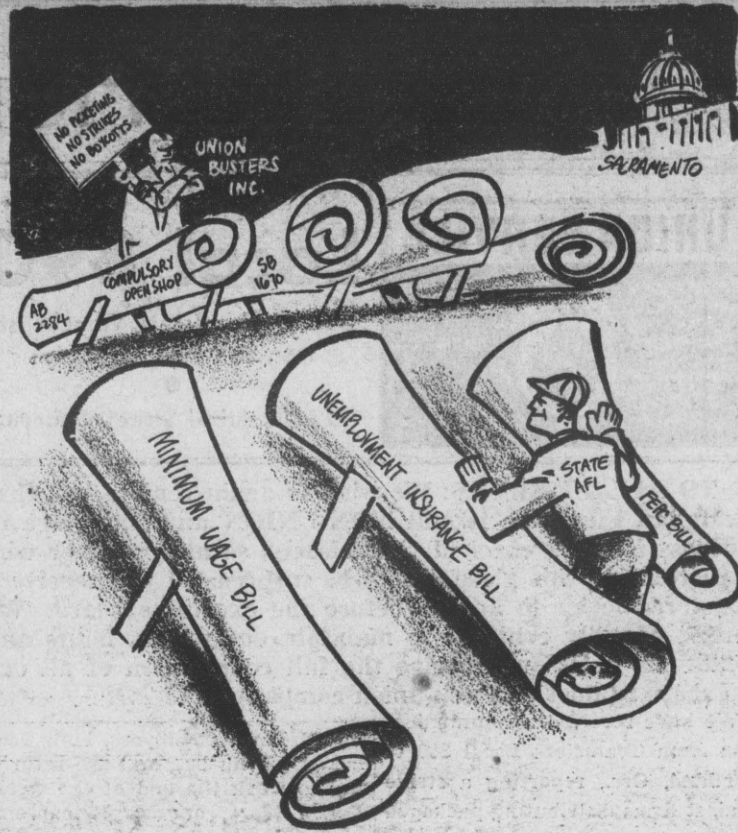
You will notice that some of these booklets cover only one particular type of work, or one group of people; some cover the entire law. One is a report on the operation of the program; and one is only about changes made in 1952.

To get any one of these informative booklets, all you have to do is to telephone, write, or call at your social security office located at the address below.

Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone CYpress 2-2480.



THIS IS FLORIDA — Ruffles come to swim suits and scenes like this come to Florida beaches in January. It's Peggy Landers of St. Petersburg. (LPA)



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—Adlai E. Stevenson.

"The older generation thought nothing of getting up at 6 o'clock in the morning."

"The younger generation doesn't think much of it, either."

Congressman (to visitor): "Now, is there anything else around the Capitol that I can show you?"

Visitor: "There is. I'd like to have a look at that 'pork barrel' I've read so much about."

The cost of living is always a problem. With inflation, you worry about the cost, and with deflation you worry about the living.

An old-timer is one who can remember when a baby-sitter was called mother.

Many a man now wishes he had saved money during the depression so he could afford to live through prosperity.

Pete says that men who try to understand women usually succeed only in marrying them.

He was one of those tourists who like to brag about the number of miles covered in a day. As the evening wore on they passed motel after motel with the "No Vacancy" sign out. Finally the little woman remarked, "I know we'll find one soon, dear. . . . People are starting to get up."

He: "I want to know if I have grounds for divorce."

Lawyer: "Are you married?"

He: "Of course."

Lawyer: "Well, then you have grounds."

Waiter: "We serve anything that swims."

Diner: "Swell! Bring me a filet of Esther Williams."

The gambler read the sign on the doctor's door, "Nine to One," shook his head and turned to go, muttering, "I gotta get better odds than that."

Seated next to a famous astronomer at dinner was a 17-year-old student with a breezy manner. She asked him: "What do you do for a living?"

"I study astronomy," the great man told her.

"What? At your age?" exclaimed the girl. "Why, I finished astronomy last year."

Matrimonial ties often result in legal tangles.

The man who follows another never gets ahead.

Kindness will open a door when all other keys fail.

Difficulties strengthen the mind, as labor does the body.—Seneca.

The best way to keep up with the Joneses is to take it easy for a while and in a few years you'll meet them coming back.

Jed Somers says the only thing that kept him from going to college was high school.

Women prefer men who have something tender about them—especially the legal kind.

Tax Gravy Train Keeps Rolling For Corporations

Washington, (LPA)—Quick tax write-offs were handed out by the government on \$248.5 million worth of new facilities in the two weeks ended Feb. 11. Of the total, \$78 million was for the railroads. Grand total handed out to date is \$25 billion.

Union Pacific got rapid write-offs on part of \$18.9 million; Southern Pacific on \$13.5 million; Western Maryland on \$10.6 million; Seaboard Airline, \$6.7 million; Union Tank Car Co., \$8.1 million. Others, with more than \$1 million but under \$5 million were Baltimore & Ohio, Chesapeake & Ohio, Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Kansas City Southern.

General Petroleum got a write-off on part of \$35.8 million; Standard Oil of Indiana on part of \$19.2 million; Tide Water Associated Oil on \$12 million. Other oil firms to benefit were Globe Oil & Refining, Phillips Pipe Line, Southern Production Co., Union Oil.

Others who boarded the gravy train were Westinghouse Electric for a part of \$11.7 million; Eaton Manufacturing, part of \$9.9 million; Continental Air Lines, part of \$5 million.

Also, for \$1 million to less than \$5 million: Celanese Corp., U.S. Steel, Electric Auto Lite, General Motors, Central Power & Light of Texas.

Lansing, Mich. (LPA) — Ten members in a row of the Fisher Auto Workers, had a chance to win a \$50 prize, just for answering present when their names were called at the last local meeting. Not one was there, so \$10 was added to the attendance prize, for the next monthly meeting.

Take part in union affairs. Your union is as democratic as you make it.

Bread and Butter Facts Congressional Group Plans To Give Away Your Property

By PETER HENLE

In Congress a group of law-makers is working hard to give away your property.

The property that you and all other Americans own is the submerged lands lying out to sea off the East, West, and Gulf Coasts of the nation. For a long while, no one cared who owned this land, but the discovery of oil has meant that these submerged lands can now yield at least \$50 billion worth of oil and natural gas.

Almost all this treasure lies off the coast of 3 states, California, Texas and Louisiana. Naturally, these states claim possession and would like to own this property since it would yield to the owner up to \$8 billion in revenue as royalties. However, the Supreme Court has ruled four times that these lands are the property of the Federal government.

Congress, of course, could by legislation give the various states title to this property. Twice in recent years, at the prodding of the 3 states concerned and the oil lobby (which figures that the state governments would be more friendly to the exploitation of this property than the Federal government), Congress has voted a bill turning title over to the states. Twice, President Truman vetoed the bill and each time his veto was upheld. **IKE WILL SIGN**

Now these same forces are trying a third time under more favorable circumstances. President Eisenhower has indicated that he will sign the type of bill which these states want.

The forces pressing for this bill like to call it the "tidelands" bill. This is a misnomer. The "tidelands," or property lying between the high and low water marks, have always been state property under the Constitution. What is in dispute is the ownership of the completely submerged lands lying beyond the "tidelands" which by Supreme Court rulings are the property of the Federal government.

A group of distinguished Senators have organized to prevent this steal of your property. They feel that these lands belong to the Federal government and any revenues from them should be spent in behalf of all the American people.

OIL FOR EDUCATION

Led by Senator Lister Hill (Dem., Ala.), they propose that these revenues be placed in a special fund to be used as grants to all the states to strengthen the public school system. In this way, the revenues would be spent by all the states for building more schools, raising teacher salaries, improving equipment, and providing additional teacher training facilities.

Last week, speaking for the American Federation of Labor, George Riley, National Legislative

Representative, testified in support of this amendment. He put the matter squarely to the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs by asking, "Is the Committee prepared to make the proceeds from this untold wealth available to all the citizens of all the states through adoption of the Hill Amendment?"

The country is awaiting for Congress to answer this question.

NLRB Reaffirms Right of Workers To Union Insignia

Somerset, Pa. (LPA)—The right of workers to wear T-shirts, buttons, caps and the like with union slogans during an organizing campaign was reaffirmed Feb. 11 by the National Labor Relations Board in a decision and order against the DeVilbiss Co.

In a case brought by the United Auto Workers, the board upheld an examiner's decision of Oct. 15, based on previous decisions against the Republic Aviation Corp. and other firms, which noted that "the right of the employees to wear union insignia at work has long been recognized . . ." In the DeVilbiss case, however, the decision was somewhat moot, because the union has since won an election and bargaining rights there.

During the organizing drive of June 1951, the company had forbidden the wearing of UAW T-shirts, penalized a worker who did so and set up a "gripe" committee to counteract the efforts of the union. The NLRB ordered such tactics stopped.

60c to 75c Raise Won Retroactive to October

Portage, Wis. (LPA)—Cashing in on the unlamented demise of the Wage Stabilization Board, 35 Machinists here have received checks for retroactive pay raises of 60c to 75c an hour dating to last October. The contract with Portage-Manley Sand Co., which had been held up awaiting WSB's approval, included the union shop and improvement in paid vacations.

Even Businessmen Now Are Fighting 'Right to Work' Bill

Pueblo, Colo. (LPA)—The Chamber of Commerce here has called the Colorado Chamber of Commerce to account for fathering the phony "Right to Work Bill" in the Colorado legislature. This anti-labor measure is being pushed nationally by the Cecil B. DeMille Foundation. It would outlaw union shop agreements.

Growing opposition by business interests in Colorado is echoed in Oregon, Utah and Wyoming, as management begins to realize how harmful such legislation would be.

The Pueblo Chamber told the State Chamber that if its explanation is unsatisfactory, the Pueblo group will quit the state group. The resolution condemning the Colorado "right to work" bill was presented at a special meeting of the Pueblo Chamber by Fred Bierig, secretary of the Pueblo Trades and Labor Assembly. It was seconded—hold your hat—by Charles Boustead, of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Corp., which was once a Rockefeller property where the first big company union was born.

In Oregon the Portland Labor-Management Committee has condemned the "right to work" bill and its chances seem dim.

In Utah the bill was pushed through the House 36 to 20, after the state Manufacturers Association brought in DeMille as star speaker at a big business rally. But the sledding will be tougher in the Senate. The Salt Lake Tribune, a conservative daily, called on the Senate to kill the bill. It is said that passage of the bill would prove the labor charge that the Republican party is anti-labor. The Tribune said, passage of the bill might contribute "to class war which could do serious damage to our economy and social fabric."

Unions in Oklahoma and California are fighting similar bills.

He Can't Afford To Have His Wife Work

Chicago (LPA)—Henry Cooke and his wife, Helen, have decided she'd better quit the job, because they can't afford it. After he showed the figures, she agreed, according to his account in the paper Work.


She makes \$55 a week as a clerk-typist, but they figured out that after the extra expenses she was bringing in exactly \$7.44 a week, or 19 cents an hour.

He makes \$4264 a year, and on his income alone the income tax is \$445 a year, but with his wife's \$2860 added, the tax is \$1014.75, an increase of \$569.75.

Helen's cousin, Jane, gets \$20 a week for minding their baby during the day time. That's \$1040 a year. Helen's transportation is \$100 a year. And lunches, coffee, cokes come to \$350 a year. Extra clothes and cleaning come to \$300 more. Extra food bills, because Helen has no time to shop for bargains, come to \$30, and extra medicine and doctor bills to \$30 more. That and other items like deductions for social security come to \$2472.91, or only \$387.09 short of what Helen makes. And that's not including the perennial office collections for gifts and what she may pick up in a department store on the way home.

Since Jane insists on minding the baby one day a week; Helen will be able to do volunteer work at the Catholic Labor Alliance and the League of Women Voters. "Her other time," writes Henry, "will belong to me, to Jimmy and to the home generally. My, what we have been missing. And for just \$7.44 a week."

Worcester, Mass. (LPA)—The Labor News of this city, with its issue of February 13, started on its 48th year of service to the labor movement. Founded by Freeman M. Saltus, it is now edited by his son, Alfred.



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For tops in quality bakery and confectionery products, demand the Bakery and Confectionery Workers' Union Label. For tops in entertainment, it's lovely Paramount Pictures Star Jan Sterling, whose latest movie is "Pony Express."

Rep. Moss, New P.O. Comm. Member, Will Seek Fair Treatment for Workers

Congressman John E. Moss, Jr., recently elected with labor's help in northern California's 3rd District, has been appointed to the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, making a total of two Californians on this important committee in Washington.

Although a "freshman" in Congress, Moss begins his assignment with four years of valuable experience on the Civil Service Committee of the California State Legislature. In addition, postal workers will be glad to learn that Moss is no stranger to post office work, having served with the Navy in World War II as a mail specialist.

In a letter to constituents, the new congressman voiced heartwarming sentiments on maintaining the Civil Service system and said he will resist any efforts to weaken it.

"There are disturbing trends evident in Congress and administrative agencies indicating a willingness to undermine, weaken, and destroy our Civil Service system," Moss declared. "It will be my purpose to resist those efforts, and see that policies just and equitable in nature govern the conduct of the Federal Government toward its workers."

Congressman Moss, who has also been named to a Post Office and Civil Service subcommittee to investigate the Federal Civil Service system, considers this a good opportunity to help, in his own words, "perfect the merit system for Federal workers—for better selection and more economical and efficient personnel, and also extend the principle of civil service to improve the lot of the workers as an aid to improvement of morale."

Aware of the ineffectual recruitment processes under the Whitten rider, Moss points out that a "major problem is that of the thousands of Government employees now working in Civil Service jobs under indefinite appointments. There have been practically no regular Civil Service appointments since soon after the outbreak of

the Korean war. The 'indefinite' appointment plan was adopted to channel Government workers into defense jobs, and I hope the subcommittee will consider whether this plan is working, along with all the other questions of the welfare of Government employees."

State Fed. Offers 3 Scholarships

The California State Federation of Labor today announced its third annual scholarship award for deserving high school students in California and Hawaii.

C. J. Haggerty, executive officer of the State AFL, announced that three scholarships of \$500 each are being offered to senior high school students planning to attend a college or university during the coming academic year.

Haggerty stated awards are being made available in an effort to assist outstanding students and to promote a better understanding of the American labor movement.

Senior students from public, private, or parochial schools are eligible to compete. No eligibility distinctions will be made as to sex, color or creed.

Awards will be made on the basis of the student's score in a special examination and his four year high school academic record.

Announcements and applications have been mailed principals of all California and Hawaii high schools.

Retail Clerks Win Brooklyn A&P Vote

New York City.—Capping a 12-year campaign, Local 1500 of the Retail Clerks won a representative election in the Brooklyn unit of the A&P stores by the overwhelming vote of 987 votes for the AFL union, 125 for the CIO, and 190 for the company.

The union has begun organizing workers in the store's Bronx and Garden City, L. I., units.

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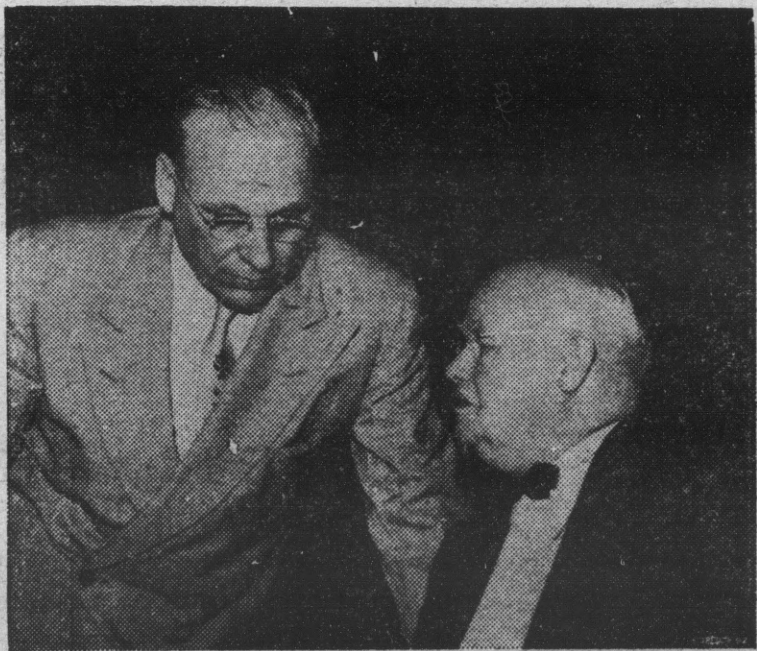
It is my assurance that I can more adequately house, feed, clothe, and educate my family.

It brings me into close relationship with workmen in allied fields. Our exchanges of ideas broaden our thinking on technical, cultural and spiritual lines.

It gives me a deep sense of confidence in my own work—an in my future.

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Welcome Raftery



Laurence M. Raftery (left), new president of the Painters and Decorators, chats with Richard Gray, president of the AFL Building Trades Department, after welcoming Raftery as a new member of the Building Trades executive board.

RICH SAY KILL SOC'L. SECURITY!

By LANE KIRKLAND

Despite the expansion and improvement of public and private pension systems in recent years, the period after retirement is still, for most Americans, a time of troubles. Aged pensioners have suffered too great a share of the burden of inflation and have gained too small a share of the benefits that rising levels of employment, production and wages have brought to other groups.

Yet there are many who will argue that this nation, wealthy though it is, simply cannot "afford" to give the elderly a better break; that the spread of retirement programs has already committed "too much" of our future national income to the support of the aged; that the increasing proportion of nonproductive pensioners in the population threatens our standard of living.

They will often assert, further, that social security programs tend to "sap individual initiative" and the "incentive to take risks." Those whose own security is most solidly assured frequently emerge as the loudest in these expressions of alarm over the dire consequences of more adequate provision for the security of others.

ANSWER IS 'YES'

Harsh and extreme as some of these expressions have been, they merit a careful answer. Can our expanding economy, without ill effects and without taking too much from those who work, promise a better life for those whose working days are past?

This and other related questions have been explored at length in a recent study by the National Planning Association, prepared for the Joint Congressional Committee on the Economic Report. Entitled "Pensions in the United States," it provides at least a tentative answer.

That answer is clearly, "Yes".

The study presents facts to refute the widely-held illusion that the ratio of nonproductive persons in the population, who must be supported out of the production of those at work, is on the increase. Actually, that ratio has undergone a more or less steady and consistent decline over the past 70 years. The rise in the number of aged retired persons has been more than offset by the decline in the proportion of dependent children and the increase in the number of working women in the population.

In 1870, for every 100 active workers, there were 209 persons who were not gainfully employed. By 1930, this ratio had declined to 152 per 100. In spite of the subsequent establishment of social security programs, this proportion has continued to decline to a level, in 1952, of 135 nonproductive persons for every 100 gainful workers. **HARDLY A THREAT**

The study estimates that: "In 1975, the ratio of nonworkers to workers will probably be very much as it is today or even somewhat more favorable, perhaps 120

to 130 nonproducers to 100 workers." This prospect hardly presents a threat to our standard of living.

How big a slice of the national pie would be required to give the aged a more secure and abundant life and a fairer share of the proceeds of economic progress? The study estimates what the cost would be if, over the years to come, all retirement programs, public and private, are expanded and liberalized in coverage and eligibility conditions, and their benefits steadily improved—in terms of real purchasing power—to keep up with general gains in productivity and living standards.

Under those conditions, by 1975, pension payments to the retired would still not exceed 3.7 percent of our national income. For a progressive and democratic nation—which should, by that year, have a total income of about \$600 billion—this scarcely seems "too much."

How about "initiative" and "incentives"? Here is what the study concludes, on that score:

"Contrary to popular impression, certain kinds of retirement plans—those which do not tie a worker to a particular job—promote risk-taking. With basic protection assured, workers and self-employed are more rather than less, likely to take chances, to try out new jobs, to start new enterprises. It is one of the functions of insurance of any kind to spread a risk and so make it bearable for the individual; he can then afford to take a chance."

Anyone who applies a little plain horse-sense to the matter would agree with that conclusion.

Baltimore AFL Rejoins United Labor Committee

Baltimore (LPA)—The Baltimore Federation of Labor has rejoined the United Labor Policy Committee to support legislation in the Maryland General Assembly.

The committee, jointly financed by AFL, CIO and unaffiliated unions, will open offices in Annapolis to protect the interests of all labor and will present a united front in lobbying for pro-labor legislation.

The Baltimore Federation quit the committee when it was used in the 1952 elections to endorse political candidates. The understanding now is that such activity will be prohibited, and the committee will confine itself to legislative matters.

Attend your meetings!

(POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT)

ELECT

E. DAN BOYCE

Councilman of Pacific Grove

CITY ELECTION — MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1953

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

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P. M. DINKEL

COUNCILMAN

OF PACIFIC GROVE

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REAL DISPLAY ADVERTISING—Officials of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, Branch 1, Philadelphia, give some concentrated attention to one of their finest products: the shapely limbs of Miss Bert St. Clair, a very lovely lady who believes in Union Label products. Standing are (l. to r.) Joseph McDonough, business manager of the Central Labor Union-AFL; Harry Sylk, president of San Ray Drug Co., and William M. Leader, HUW president. Purpose of the campaign is to urge all union workers to BUY UNION HOSIERY when they think of Mothers' Day gifts. The concentrated sales period will extend from April 13 through May 9.

Results of Your Work Are Threatened!

The housing program, which the California labor movement has consistently promoted and protected, is under murderous fire in the State Legislature this year. The same forces and individuals who are attacking basic labor legislation are attempting to deprive families of the opportunity to live in decent homes at rents they can afford to pay.

Our many years of work will be nullified or wiped out unless we move now to protect labor's baby, the Low-Rent Public Housing Program. The list below itemizes the bills introduced into the current session in Sacramento to halt this decent, humanitarian and American program—or even to destroy the Low-Rent projects already in operation:

A. B. 223. Denies the basic economic fact that decent housing for low-income families is beyond the ability of private enterprise and therefore is not competitive.

A. B. 273; A. B. 2050. Permit abolishing housing authorities, making authorities subservient to local political bodies and liquidating present operations.

A. B. 274. Allows harassment from forces unfriendly to the housing program.

A. B. 2053. Allows contracts to be nullified by subsequent actions of pressure-sensitive political bodies and forces housing authorities to abandon projects even if started.

A. B. 2381. Hampers flexibility of housing authorities to meet local circumstances in developing projects, and makes commissioners subject to the will and whims of governing bodies, including removal without cause.

A. B. 3287. Provides for outright abolition of housing authorities and liquidation of the program by a single legislative act.

Joint Res. No. 14. Calls for a Congressional witchhunt and end to national public housing "experiment" with a moratorium on housing program progress in the meantime.

A. B. 2049; A. B. 2051. Are innocuous bills which leave the way open for further vicious attacks on the program through amendment.

Don't let the hard work and great accomplishments of past years be wiped out. Work with your State Assemblyman and Senator to stop the vicious Anti-Housing, Anti-Labor drive.

Pay, Hours Rise In Calif. Factories

During the past two years of wage controls, the average hourly earnings of factory workers in California rose 12 per cent, approximately the same increase as in the country as a whole, the California Dept. of Industrial Relations has announced.

From an average of \$1.73 per hour in January 1951, earnings of factory workers in California, including overtime and other premium pay, increased to \$1.93 per hour (before taxes) in January of this year. The gain results primarily from wage rate increases, but also reflects more overtime and a larger proportion of workers in higher-paid defense-connected industries.

The working time of production workers in manufacturing plants averaged 40.2 hours per week in January 1953, which was more than one-half hour longer than the January 1951 average of 39.6 hours per week.

Weekly earnings averaged \$77.53 in January 1953, a gain of \$8.91, or 13 per cent, from January 1951. After adjustment for income taxes and changes in consumers' prices, the net spending weekly earnings (on the basis of a family of four) rose by less than two per cent during the period.

To be democratic, a union needs

Vacations, Holidays, Sick Leave, in Cal.

Paid vacation, holiday, and sick leave provisions were analyzed in 2,053 collective bargaining agreements in effect in California, during 1952. These agreements covered more than 1,200,000 California workers.

Paid vacations.—Almost a million workers—83 per cent of all the employees covered by the study—worked under agreements which provided vacations with pay. Excluding the construction industry, 97 per cent of the workers covered by the agreements analyzed came under paid vacation clauses.

The majority of workers covered by contracts with paid vacation clauses worked under contracts providing two-week vacations after a service period of either one or two years. Nine out of every ten worked under contracts providing a two-week vacation after five or fewer years of service.

Three per cent of the workers employed under agreements with vacation clauses were covered by contracts specifying a three-week vacation after five or fewer years of service. More than one-fourth (27 per cent) were covered by contracts allowing a three-week vacation after 15 or fewer years of service.

Paid holidays.—Pay for holidays not worked was stated in agreements covering 769,000 workers or 64 per cent of employees working under the terms of the agreements analyzed. Of this total, 44 per cent were covered by agreements naming six paid holidays; 25 per cent by agreements naming seven; and 21 per cent by those naming eight.

Paid sick leave.—An estimated 365,000 workers—three out of every ten employees covered by the analysis—worked under the terms of agreements providing paid sick leave. Approximately one-third of these workers were covered by pacts which also provided for health insurance.

More than half (56 per cent) of the workers covered by sick leave plans in agreements analyzed had been allowed one week each year.

Industry in Britain begins 1953 with three advantages—more steel, stable prices and good industrial relations. Last year home demand for engineering goods was restrained by Government action in the interests of exports and rearmament; the additional steel will now allow increased investment in plant and machinery which will help productivity throughout industry.

"Both Sides"



QUINCY HOWE

Nationally known radio and TV commentator, will be moderator on the AFL's new television program which begins Sunday, Mar. 15, on the ABC network. The federation will bring "Both Sides" of outstanding national issues to public attention through a series of telecasts originating in Washington, D.C., at 1:30 p.m. See your local paper for the time in your locality.

HERE'S DEFINITION OF NONUNION MAN

One of the sharpest definitions of the respective privileges of union and nonunion workers was given to the House Labor Committee by AFL President George Meany as he was being questioned by Rep. Miller (D., Kan.) on so-called "right-to-work" proposals.

"While a union worker pays \$3 or \$4 a month for the privilege of being a union man," Meany declared, "a nonunion worker pays \$3 or \$4 a day for the privilege of being a nonunion man."

Making Ends Meet

Chemical Firms May Oppose Plans to Tighten Food Laws

By BERT SEIDMAN

Efforts in the current session of Congress to tighten legal protections against harmful foods and cosmetics are expected to meet determined opposition from large chemical firms.

Rep. James J. Delaney (Dem., N.Y.) and Rep. A. L. Miller (Rep., Neb.) are sponsoring bills which would require the Food and Drug Administration to approve all new chemicals added to foods and cosmetics before they could be sold in interstate commerce.

This would shift the legal burden of proof from the government to industry. Under the present law, the government must prove that new chemicals are harmful before it can bar their use. Since FDA has very limited funds for such investigations, it has meant that producers could continue to sell their products, even though they might contain harmful chemicals, until FDA could get around to testing them.

These bills because they object to any requirement that new chemicals be tested by the government before they can be sold for use in foods and cosmetics. But consumers would certainly welcome enactment of such legislation as a necessary health protection.

KITCHEN LIGHTING

Don't overlook the importance of good lighting in your kitchen.

Kitchen lighting should be arranged so that clear, direct light falls on sink, range and work counters without shadows or eye-tiring glare. Light also should shine in cupboards. Shelves just deep enough to hold 1 tier of packaged supplies, cups or glasses make for easy sight as well as easy reach. Try to store packaged goods, cans and bottles where it will be easy to see the labels.

Diesels Displace The 'Iron Horse'

Santa Barbara.—What happened to the "iron horse"? Why are the sleek streamlined diesel locomotives replacing the majestic steam engine—the awe-inspiring love of every small boy?

It's a plain case of economy and efficiency, in which the diesel engine takes all the honors, according to Dr. Maurice Richards, assistant professor of industrial arts at the University of California, Santa Barbara College, who is an authority on the development of transportation.

The first diesel-powered train was put into passenger service in 1934. It was the Burlington Zephyr, running between Kansas City and Lincoln, Neb., and was an immediate success, culminating 15 years of experimentation.

Dr. Richards stated that railroads today are buying diesels at the rate of 99 out of 100 over steam locomotives, even though the streamliners may cost twice as much initially.

Diesels have decreased the maintenance costs as much as 50 per cent, he explained, and many of the services necessary to steam engines—ash dumping and removal, water treatment and storage, boiler washing, auxiliary engines—have been virtually eliminated where diesels are used.

Light-colored walls and ceilings will help visibility. Generally a semi-gloss finish is better for preventing glare than a high gloss.

HOME LAUNDERING

Most housewives know that with the usual household laundering—1 washing in a wringer-type machine followed by 2 rinses—many items will frequently come out spotted or grimy. Yet they do not have time to go over each soiled article and remove all spots before laundering or even, in some cases, to change the wash and rinse water for each load of clothes.

Tests have shown that there are some pretty good answers to this problem. An obvious one is to change the water for each load of clothing. But even if that is not possible, washing in hotter water and use of a water softener will usually get your clothes cleaner. And for white cottons, use water that is barely too hot for hand comfort.

20% Women In Cal. Unions

In July 1952, there were 3355 union locals in California with an estimated total membership of 1,503,400. During the same month, 355,900 wage and salary workers were employed in nonagricultural establishments in the State (including administrative and supervisory employees as well as officers of corporations and other executives).

Membership in California labor unions advanced by 4 per cent between July 1951 and July 1952. The largest relative gain (29 per cent) was reported by locals in the transportation equipment manufacturing industry. Government employees' locals registered the second largest increase (16 per cent).

In the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area (Los Angeles and Orange counties), 932 locals reported a total membership of 569,900, or 38 per cent of the State's total union membership. In the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area, 462,200 members in 888 locals represented 31 per cent of the State's total.

Members in building trades locals outnumbered those in any other industry group for the seventh successive year, representing 18 per cent of the State's total union membership. Transportation and warehousing locals ranked next (13 per cent), followed by trade (11 per cent).

Women comprised 19 per cent of total union membership in July 1952. Based on reports of locals which submitted separate membership figures for men and women in both 1951 and 1952, women union members increased by 8 per cent compared with an increase of 4 per cent for men. The number of women employed in California rose 5 per cent between July 1951 and July 1952.

Support the labor press.

New Carpenter Welfare Plan Details Told

Details of the Carpenters new health and welfare plan have been completed, the plan now covering carpenters working in the 46 northern counties of California and providing life insurance, hospital benefits and surgical benefits for the carpenter, plus hospital benefits only for wives and children from 14 days to 19 years of age.

Benefits became effective as of March 1, 1953. However, due to the fact that the Trust Fund office is being set up now, it will be impossible to process and pay any claims immediately. As soon as the office is functioning and the enrollment of members is completed, the accrued claims will be paid retroactive to March 1.

It is hoped that the claims office will be ready to start payments by April 20. Any member who worked at least 100 hours in February will be eligible for benefits as of March 1. Any member having a claim to file should keep all bills and turn them in at a later date. More information regarding collection of benefits will be announced later.

The Blue Cross Plan will carry the hospital and surgical benefit portion of the new welfare plan, and the Prudential Insurance Co. of America will carry the life insurance benefit portion.

In the near future, members of carpenter unions will be issued booklets which explain the plan in detail. Identification cards will be issued also to the members.

Following is a summary of the benefits provided through the new plan.

THE BLUE CROSS PLAN:

HOSPITAL BENEFITS for Employee and Family Members—21 days at full coverage plus 180 days immediately following at half coverage, at 3 or more bed ward rate. If semi-private or private room is occupied, credit of the minimum ward rate will be allowed. Hospital Benefits are renewed in full 90 days after discharge. For the employed person, benefits are renewed if the subscriber returns to work on an active full time basis following the previous confinement.

Services covered include: All meals specialized dietary service and general nursing care. Use of operating rooms and cystoscopic rooms. All X-ray examinations when consistent with diagnosis. Electrocardiograms and basal metabolism tests when consistent with diagnosis. Physio and hydrotherapy during hospitalization. Clinical and pathological laboratory examination when consistent with diagnosis. Surgical dressings, splints and plaster casts.

Other allowances in connection with Hospital services and benefits: Professional anesthetist—an allowance of \$10 for the first half hour and \$2.50 each additional quarter hour up to a maximum of \$40. When anesthetic is administered by a salaried employee of a hospital, services are paid in FULL. Cost of listed drugs and oxygen up to \$10 plus one-half the cost of the balance. "U. S. Pharmacopoeia," "National Formulary" or "New and Non-Official Remedies."

Maternity benefits: A maximum allowance of \$75 toward services and benefits listed above for conditions arising from pregnancy. This benefit available under a two party contract or family membership. For employees who enroll their wives in the initial group there is no waiting period. For the employees who enroll after the original effective date a 9 month waiting period will apply.

Ambulance benefit: An allowance up to \$25 will be paid for transportation by ambulance for each accident or illness.

Surgical Benefits for Employee only: The employed subscriber is covered by a schedule of benefits with allowances up to \$300. These benefits are renewable for the same ailment after 6 months.

Benefits Provided by the Prudential Insurance Company of America for the Carpenters' Health and Welfare Trust Fund for California:

THE FRAGILE MALE

By WILSON T. SOWDER, M.D., M.P.H.

State Health Officer of Florida

(Reprinted from Oakland City Health Bulletin)

At a recent meeting of the State and Territorial Health Officers I presented a resolution "to encourage study and research concerning the causes of the fragility of males . . . that more attention be given to the study of the causes of higher male mortality toward the end that a progressively greater deficit of males is undesirable from the biological, social, and economic standpoints."

A thoughtful consideration of the subject will reveal that this is indeed a very serious problem.

Many of our present day policies in public health spring from the premise that "maternal and child health" is the major foundation stone of our work. And in our present era of considering the health of the individual as that of greatest importance, it becomes evident to the casual observer that all too frequently the word "individual" is considered synonymous for "woman" or "child," but never "man." As one example, in a discussion of the necessity of regular physical examinations of the general population, many men will indulgently remark that "it's a good thing for the wife and kids" but frequently reject the idea for themselves, as an indication of weakness.

THE FACTS

Let us therefore consider the facts showing that the male is indeed a fragile being. WITNESS:

(1) In 1926 the age-adjusted death rate for males was a little more than 14 per cent higher than that for females, but in 1948 the difference had increased to 41 per cent;

(2) The death rate for females decreased 15 per cent from 1940 to 1949—but the rate for males decreased only 7 per cent;

(3) The ratio of death rates of males to females has increased; in 1930 this ratio was 1210 males per 1000 females, but in 1951 it had risen to 1333 males per 1000 females;

(4) According to mortality figures for the United States for the year 1949 these sex differences in mortality are definite in every age group;

(5) The specific death rates for most diseases are higher in the case of males than in females.

OBSERVATIONS

The fact that women are the more fortunate in our society today is borne out, too, by the following observations: they inherit and own most of the property, are the beneficiaries of more insurance, receive better treatment throughout their lives (there is much legislation for the woman worker), and live several years longer on the average than do men. This last may be due to the fact that women seem to be biologically more adaptable, durable, and subject to fewer diseases and when attacked seem to cope with them better.

Deaths among females from infectious and parasitic diseases are only about two-thirds as frequent as among males; only two-thirds as frequent from diseases of the heart, circulatory system and the respiratory system; only a little more than one-third from violent accidental deaths. There are three times as many suicides among males, three times as many homicides, and more than twice as many accidental deaths.

Even before birth the male seems to be a more delicate creature, for 15 per cent more males die from congenital deformity. During the first year of life nearly 40 per cent more male children die. The only major diseases from which women die in substantially greater numbers are diabetes and, naturally, diseases of pregnancy and childbirth; and, as we all know, death rates from the latter are fast reaching the diminishing point.

Nature produces more males at birth (perhaps an indication she is well aware of their perilous sojourn on earth). The female of

the species, however, demonstrates her great hardiness at once and as already stated, even during the first year of life her survival rate is much higher. The higher death rate among the males brings the two sexes to about equal numbers at age 20, and thereafter females are in the majority.

(I feel bound to interpolate here—and with the possibility that I will be immediately challenged—that usually men are more successful materially and technically in practically every specific occupation, trade, business, art, and profession known to man—whether it be cooking or painting, medicine or landscaping. However, we cannot say that men are smarter as a group when women as a group end up with most of the fruit of their labors. But because of the numerical preponderance of women, men are found to have a better than average chance of acquiring a superior helpmate than is the lot of women. Which perhaps explains why such a large number of beautiful women attach themselves to relatively unattractive men!)

FORCES

What distinguishes the two sexes besides anatomical differences? It has been said that maleness is the outcome and expression of the forces of catabolism (breaking down) while femaleness is the outcome and expression of the forces of anabolism (building up). Both processes are necessary to life, but catabolism involves the breaking down and use of materials to produce energy. The male then is more like an engine or dynamo consuming fuel and producing energy while the female is more like a warehouse where manufactured products are received and stored.

The problem of the fragile male is not altogether a simple one. Much defeatism in medical circles, I believe, stems from the feeling that the reasons are biological and unchangeable. However, when we consider the various specific causes of death to which males are more susceptible, many opportunities for improvement suggest themselves. For instance, high blood pressure, coronary heart disease, and stomach ulcers are thought to be connected with overwork, worry and high-pressure living. These factors are subject to change and correction and much could be done about them by women. It is a statistical fact that farmers in certain sections of the Middle West have an unusual life expectancy which, in my opinion, may be due to less high-pressure living. The length of human life in some respects may be considered as limited by the availability of a given amount of fuel, which may be burned fast or slow.

CONCLUSION

If we accept the premise then, that men are not the stronger sex, biologically speaking, we can see that certain changes might develop in our attitude toward the health of boys and men. Certainly we should pay just as much attention to their health as we do to that of girls and women. For example, take colds, flu, bronchitis—the common respiratory diseases. The death rate from these illnesses is 30 per cent higher among males. So men should not insist that their daughters and wives stay in bed during an attack of one of the above while they go tramping bravely in a cold wet wind themselves.

Lake Charles, La. (LPA)—Frank Paradowski of San Antonio was re-elected president of the Texas State Council of the International Association of Machinists at the convention here. Members of the Louisiana State Council sat in as guests. Dallas was chosen for the June 1953 meeting.

(1) \$1,000.00 Life Insurance providing a death benefit in this amount from death from any cause whatever. (2) \$1,000.00 of Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance providing 24 hour coverage.

Monterey County
Labor News

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1953

AN OLD TIMER SPEAKS TO YOU

This is one of a series of articles written by the late KASPAR BAUER, general organizer for the Butchers Union, reprinted from a new organizational pamphlet by the union under direction of Earl M. Jimerson, general president, and Patrick E. Gorman, general secretary-treasurer.

July 4, 1776: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

So you say, "Old Stuff?"

Measured by the length of the life of an individual, it is old stuff—at least to us Americans. So old, in fact, that its full meaning and implications are forgotten by many of us.

Measured in the life of nations, it is very, very young.

Measured by the life of civilized man, the ideas and principles set forth in that immortal Declaration of Independence represent the age-old struggle and aspirations of the common man to have something to say as to what sort of government he should live under.

In this document, for the first time in history, "Our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." The words are those of Abe Lincoln.

For thousands of years the common man worked for a Master—call him King, Emperor, Czar, Slave Owner, Feudal Lord, or whatever you will—toiled, sweated and fought for him. Sometimes, driven by sheer hunger and desperation, workers fought against the Master, only to be driven back into submission and slavery again.

For thousands of years any attempt of the common man to govern himself was mercilessly crushed.

But even centuries of repression and oppression could not still the voices or crush the spirit of the few who kept the torch of liberty, equality and fraternity blazing over all the years.

The struggle for democracy is the continuous fight of the common man, throughout the ages, to establish the principles of equal rights, equal duties, that all power derives from BELOW, from the people, and that the exercise of power must come only with their consent.

With the writing of the Declaration of Independence the seed of the democratic ideal, having been nourished for centuries with the sacrifices of the people and their leaders, had grown, ready to burst forth and flower and bring forth the fruit which is our government. At long last a way was found whereby the people of a nation, could, if they so desired, peacefully choose their representatives and change them if need be.

The road was long and there were no rest-rooms on the road. We have this priceless gift of democracy, do we appreciate it? The democratic principle is again

being challenged. Its existence is menaced as never before. There are reactionary totalitarians whose avowed aim is to smash every democratic institution, to master and enslave all people on this earth.

Their slogan is: ALL power comes from above, absolute and uncontrolled. Theoretically the power is to be used for the benefit of the world's "hewers of wood and carriers of water." Yet the world "cannot live half slave and half free."

And so, democracy and absolutism are locked in the greatest battle democracy ever had to fight. The outcome of the issue is no longer in doubt. After all, it is the people's fight and there are too many of us.

Do union men and women believe in and practice democracy? Every labor union worthy of its name is only teaching democracy but it will be in your union meeting where you will see democracy in action and practice, the traducers of unions to the contrary notwithstanding.

Whether it is the election of officers, the amount of dues paid by the members or the calling of a strike, nothing is done without a vote of the membership. One must not forget that today we have representative democracy—therefore, it is true that regularly elected delegates elect certain officers of our organizations. It is impossible in our modern situation to have meetings of all citizens under the old linden trees in the village. But union men and women cherish, appreciate and practice the precious heritage: DEMOCRACY.

(Next week: "Equal Rights and Good Americanism.")

Labor Council to Meet Every Friday

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Culinary-Bartenders 345—New business agent, Florence Wallace, in Watsonville area; contract talks under way.

Projectionists 611—Committees working on welfare plan.

Machinists 504—Some wage increases for certain divisions, general negotiations under way.

How to Correct Your Union Directory

To all local union secretaries:

If the entry for your local in the Union Directory in the labor paper is inaccurate, the following is the simplest and most efficient way to correct the mistakes:

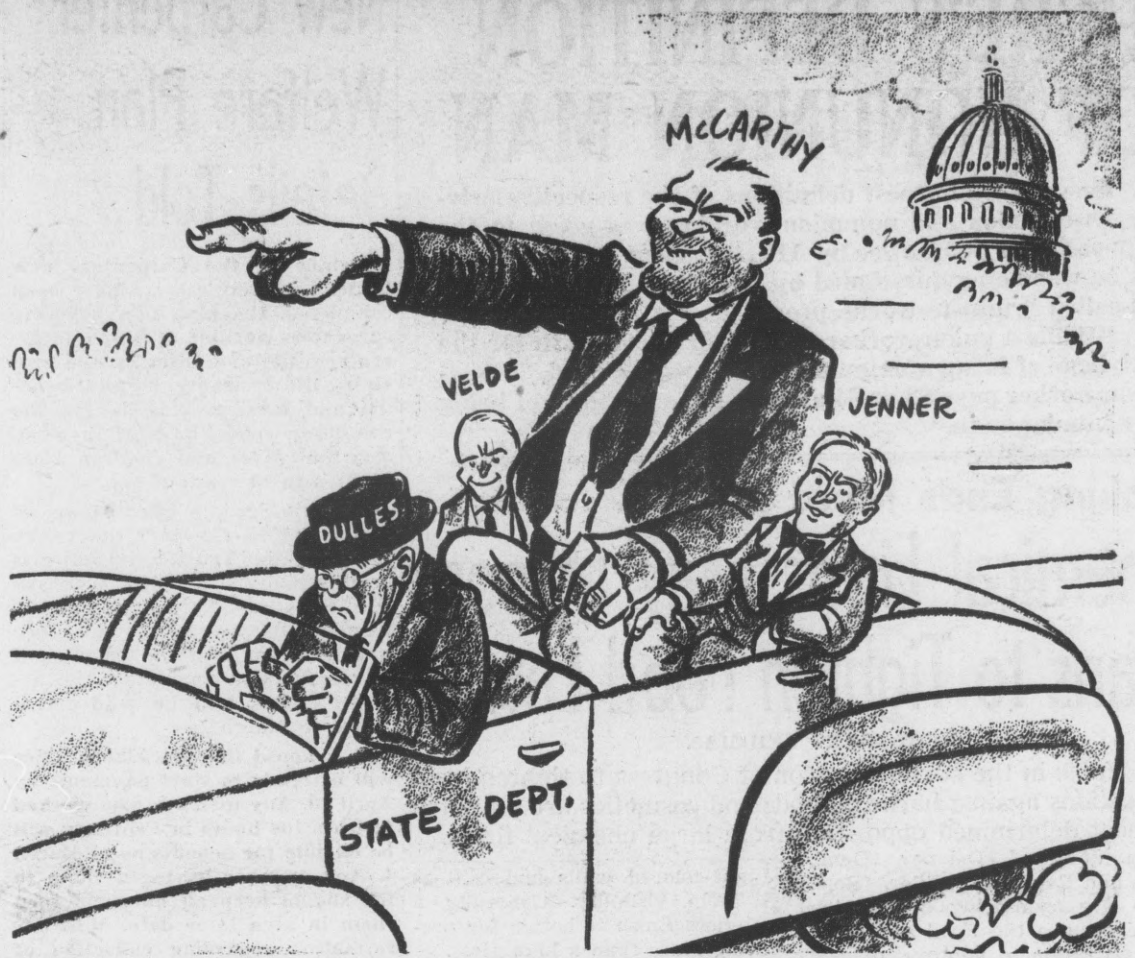
1. Cut the listing for your union from the Directory.
2. Paste it to a sheet of paper.
3. Carefully cross out just the incorrect items and draw a light line out from each item to the side (either side) where you print plainly the corrected item. This will show the printer just which item is wrong and what is to take its place. If most of the whole union entry is incorrect, it is better to draw a cross through it and write beside it the new, correct copy.

4. Mail in the sheet to the labor paper as soon as possible.

Names, addresses, meeting dates, and telephone numbers are constantly changing, so it is helpful to everyone if we keep the directory correct and up to date.

The instructions above show how to do it. Please clip this out for future reference.

'Voice of America'?



T-H Committee

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management together on changes that should be made in the Taft-Hartley Act, so that the Secretary of Labor could present an amicable program to Congress.

MEANY'S STATEMENT

The statement issued by AFL President Meany outlined step by step what happened to the committee. The statement is as follows:

The American Federation of Labor regrets exceedingly that the industry members of the Labor Department Advisory Committee have seen fit to break up the committee.

The statement issued by the industry members to explain their indefensible position does not square with the facts. The facts are these:

1. The committee set out, as its first task, to attempt to draw up recommendations to the Secretary of Labor on changes in the Taft-Hartley Act.

2. Only one specific change in that law came up for discussion at the committee's meeting. It was the "union-busting" provision of the law, condemned by President Eisenhower, dealing with the disfranchisement of economic strikers. After lengthy discussion, it became apparent that the majority of the committee—including the public members as well as the labor members—were in favor of throwing out that section of the law. At that point, the industry members asked for time out to take caucus among themselves. They came back and said they were opposed to taking a vote of the committee on any subject at any time.

3. A procedure was then proposed providing that any committee member who wished to do so could abstain from voting and providing further that the majority vote of the committee on any issue would not be binding on any dissenting members. The industry members again refused to go along.

4. It was never intended by any member of the committee that this group should attempt to usurp the legislative functions of Congress. Its purpose was to try to reach agreement on recommendations to the Secretary of Labor for his guidance in submitting the administration's recommendations to Congress on legislation in the labor-management field.

5. The industry members made no effort whatsoever to try to bring about agreement. They held fast to their position that they would be glad to present their views but would not budge from them.

I am forced to the inescapable conclusion from their actions, that these representatives of industry are perfectly content to sit tight with the Taft-Hartley Act as now written—with all its unfairness and will take part in no move to make the law more acceptable to labor.

NO KIDDIN'

By CLEM BODDINGTON

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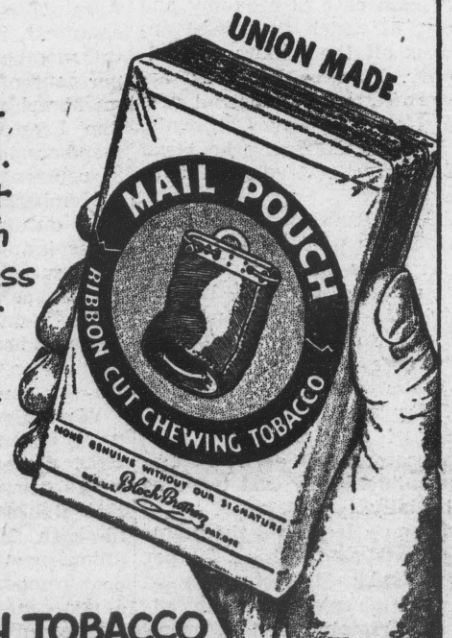
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